GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - PR&RD Dept., - Disciplinary action initiated against Sri A.Veerabhadra Rao, former Panchayat Secretary, Chevuru Grama Panchayat, Mudinepalli Mandal, Krishna District (Retd.) under Rule 20 of the APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 for the irregularities committed by him in misappropriating the Revenue collection at Chevuru GP – Article of Charges issued – Explanation submitted – Enquiry conducted – Enquiry Report received – Charges proved - Show cause notice issued – Imposing a Penalty of withholding 5% pension permanently - Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG-IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.428 Dated:02-06-2025

Read the following:

1. Charge Memo No.1241/2005.Pts.6, dt.1.09.2005 issued by the District Collector, Krishna, Machilipatnam.
2. WSD of Sri A.Veerabhadra Rao, Panchayat Secretary (Executive Officer), Mandavalli Panchayat, Mandavalli Mandal, Krishna District, dt.21.09.2005.
3. Memo. No. A1/ e-40796/2023 1, Dt:22.03.2023 of the District Panchayat Officer, Eluru District, Eluru.
4. Inquiry Report in Lr. No. 375/2023/A2(Pts), Dated.21.11.2023.
5. From the CPR&RD, AP, Letter.No.2041404/CPR&RD/B1/2023, dt.30.03.2024.
6. Govt., Memo.No.PRR01-1950340/Vig.IV/A1/2023-1,Dt.19-03-2025.
7. Explanation of Sri A.Veerabhadra Rao, Panchayat Secretary (Executive Officer), Cheruvu Gram Panchayat, Mandavalli Mandal, Krishna District, dt.18.04.2025.

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O R D E R:

In the reference 1st read above, the District Collector, Krishna, Machilipatnam has initiated disciplinary action against Sri A.Veerabhadra Rao, former Panchayat Secretary, Chevuru Grama Panchayat, Mudinepalli Mandal, Krishna District in accordance with rules. Framed the following article of charges on irregularities committed by him in misappropriating the Revenue collection to a tune of Rs.61,878/-collected under Land Revenue and Water cess pertaining to Revenue Department at Chevuru GP (2005):-

Charges:

That Sri A.Veerabhadra Rao, Panchayat Secretary, Chevuru Gram Panchayat being a responsible Government servant has committed the following irregularities.

1. He has collected an amount of Rs.61,878/- towards water tax and DMF from the ryots and committed misappropriation of Government money for the periods noted in the report which was enclosed herewith.

2. He has willfully failed to note the date on collection of the duplicate copies of some of the receipts to be kept in office with a malafide intention of misappropriation of Government Money.

3. He has willfully got entered an amount of Rs.7,258/- and 23,211/- in the day book of Mandal Revenue Officer, Mudinepalli on 16.07.2002 and 01.07.2003 respectively and failed to remit the same upto 18.12.2004 and noted a false Challan No.1465 and 24 dated 16.07.2002 and 01.07.2003 respectively in chitta book and cheated the authorities with a malafide intention to misappropriate the Government money.

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2. After examining the Written Statement of Defense submitted by the charged Officer i.e., Sri A.Veerabhadra Rao, Panchayat Secretary Chevuru Gram Panchayat in the reference 2nd read above, appointed the District Panchayat Officer, Eluru District, Eluru vide reference 3rd read above as Inquiry Officer to conduct inquiry into the charges.

3. In the reference 4th read above, the Inquiry Report was submitted duly reporting that, three (3) charges framed against the Charged Officer i.e., Sri A.Veerabhadra Rao, Panchayat Secretary, Chevuru Gram Panchayat (Retd) are held proved. As per the procedure, the findings of the Inquiry Officer were communicated to the Charged Officer, with a request to submit his explanation on the findings of the Inquiry Officer. In the reference 5th read above, Sri A.Veerabhadra Rao, the then Panchayat Secretary (EO), Mandavalli Panchayat, Krishna District (Retd.) has submitted his explanation through CPR&RD and requested for taking further action in the matter.

4. The disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, since the Charged Officer has retired from Government Service on attaining the age of Superannuation on 30.06.2012.

5. After careful examination of the entire issue with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer and the written representation of the Charged Officer, it has been provisionally decided to impose the penalty of "withholding of 5% of pension permanently", under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 against the Charged Officer vize., Sri A.Veerabhadra Rao, the then Panchayat Secretary (EO) (now Retd.), as the (3) charges are held proved in the inquiry.

6. As envisaged in Rule 9 (2) (a) of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980, in the reference 6th read above, a show cause notice duly indicating the quantum of punishment was served on the Charged Officer for his explanation. The charged officer acknowledged the show- cause notice and submitted his explanation in the reference 7th read above. In his explanation Sri A.Veerabhadra Rao, Panchayat Secretary (Retd.) has not submitted any new/valid points for consideration of his explanation.

7. After careful examination of the entire matter, Government hereby order to impose a penalty of "withholding of 5% cut in pension permanently" on Sri A.Veerabhadra Rao, Panchayat Secretary (Retd.) as the charges framed against him are held proved in the inquiry, under Rule-9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, Tadepalli, Guntur District shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Individual through Commissioner, PR&RD, A.P., Tadepalli,
Guntur District.
The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, A.P.,
Tadepalli, Guntur District.
Copy to:
The District Panchayat Officer, Eluru District- for necessary action.
The Accountant General(A&E), Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The District Treasury Officer, Eluru District.
The OSD to Dy.CM for PR&RD, RWS, EFS & T.
The Secretary to A.P Vigilance Commission, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The PS to the Prl. Secy to Govt., PR&RD Dept.
SC/SF

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SECTION OFFICER